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Samayanallur—

		NOS.
Plain firebricks	... ...	8,000
Special type firebricks	... ...	1,000
	Total ...	9,000

"(c) It is open to firms in South India to tender when tenders are invited. Supplies from Dalmiapuram are actually being tested in service?"

Destruction of paddy crops by flies.

* 185 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many acres of paddy crop were destroyed recently in amsams like Ramanthali, Kunnaru, Payyanur, Kunhimangalam, Matai, Perinthatta, Mathamangalam, Kuttoor, etc., in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, owing to the attack of flies and what preventive action Government have taken in this connexion; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any report from the Collector of Malabar regarding the widespread destruction of paddy crop in the amsams mentioned above?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have received a report from the Collector of Malabar that paddy crop to an extent of 102·11 acres were destroyed in 14 villages in Chirakkal taluk including some of the villages mentioned by the hon. Member owing to a pest attack. Both the Revenue and Agriculture Departments have taken timely action to arrest the spread of the pest and it is now under control. The Plant Protection Officer, Coimbatore, has also inspected the affected areas and suggested the action to be taken to prevent their spread further."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN:—"സർ, പയ്യന്നൂർ ഫർക്കയിൽ ഉള്ള പല പ്രദേശങ്ങളിലും ഈച്ചകളുടെ ഉപദ്രവംകൊണ്ടു് എത്രയോ ഏക്കർ കൃഷി നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു് എന്നു ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്നു് ബോദ്ധ്യമായിട്ടും അവിടെയുള്ള കഷ്ടപ്പെടുന്ന കൃഷിക്കാരുടെ നികുതിയും വാരവും വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കുവാനുള്ള വല്ല നടപടികളും ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ? ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ എടുക്കുവാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"Sir, the question of kist remission will be governed by Remission Rules and has to be attended to by the Revenue Department. Regarding the remission of rent on account of the damages to crops, it has to be settled between the landlords and tenants."

SRI A. APPU:—"What was the timely action taken by the Revenue and Agriculture Departments in this matter of preventing the spread of the disease?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"Sir, half a ton of insecticides was distributed throughout the affected places.

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Out of the discretionary grant available with the Collector, he had enabled insecticides to be distributed at concessional rates. The Plant Protection Officer was touring the area and he had been advising the ryots to take prompt action by using insecticides and also seeing to it that it was distributed properly. The Agriculture Department had been complaining that there has not been adequate response from ryots.''

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—'' May I ask the Hon. Minister for Agriculture to tell us, if he has got information in his hands as to the pest situation in the district of South Arcot? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' The hon. Member's question refers to South Arcot but we are now dealing with Malabar. Anyway, if the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer it, I have no objection.''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I have no information about South Arcot in my hands, but I may inform the hon. Member that I shall be answering a short notice question about it.''

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—'' May I know, whether the Government have received any representation or report about the destruction of standing paddy crops in the district of South Kanara by flies? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' The hon. Member's question refers to South Kanara but we are now dealing with Malabar.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—'' Is the Hon. Minister for Agriculture aware of the fact that the spread of this paddy disease is due to want of proper number of technical personnel posted at firka headquarters. Will the Government, therefore, consider the desirability of posting more technical personnel at the firka headquarters with enough number of maistries, dusters and sprayers so that the spread of this disease may be arrested in time? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I may assure the hon. Member that whatever action as is found necessary, is being taken in this respect.''

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—'' ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി പറകയുണ്ടായി, ഇത്തരം ഈച്ചകളുടെ ഉപദ്രവംകൊണ്ട് വിള നശിച്ചവർക്ക് പാട്ടം വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കേണ്ട ചോദ്യം ഉത്ഭവിച്ചിട്ടില്ല എന്നും, അങ്ങിനെ വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കുവാനുള്ള ചോദ്യം കുടിയാന്മാരും ജന്മിമാരും തമ്മിലാണെന്നും. ഏതു നിലയിൽ വിള നശിച്ചാലാണ ഇന്നു പാട്ടം വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കുവാനുള്ള നിയമം ഉള്ളതെന്ന് പറഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം. ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I am afraid that this question must be addressed to a different quarter.''

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഉത്തരത്തിൽ പറയുകയുണ്ടായി : കൃഷിക്കാർ കൃഷിഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റ് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ പരിശ്രമങ്ങൾക്ക് വേണ്ടത്ര response നൽകുക ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ലെന്ന് റിപ്പോർട്ടുകൾ കിട്ടുക ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്ന്. എന്നാൽ പയ്യന്നൂർ, ഇരുക്കൂർ മുതലായ പ്രദേശങ്ങളിൽ ബാധിച്ച വിളനാശം വന്നപ്പോൾ ഈച്ചകൾ സ്വമേധയാ പറന്നുപോയതിന്നു ശേഷമാണ് പല വില്ലേജുകളിലും ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ പോയതെന്നും, ഔഷധങ്ങൾ വിത

രണം ചെയ്യുതുതന്നെ അധികരിച്ച വിലക്കായതുകൊണ്ട് ഉപയോഗപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ പാവപ്പെട്ട കൃഷിക്കാർക്ക് സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല എന്നും ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ ഞാൻ തന്നെ ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ചെയ്യു നിവേദനം ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിന്നു അറിയുമോ ? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have already answered that the Department had sufficient stocks of insecticide for distribution. Even at Payyanur headquarters, there was sufficient stock of insecticides. These insecticides were being sold at concessional rates and our officers had been advising ryots to take prompt action at the initial stage. As I said, there has not been adequate response from the ryots, in the sense that they did not avail themselves of these insecticides at the initial stage though it was offered at concessional rates."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" தமிழ் ஜில்லாக்களில் பல இடங்களில் செஞ்சூரை (sensuri) என்ற ஒரு நோயினால் நெற் பயிர்கள் பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருப்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? அது சம்பந்தமாக சர்க்கார் எடுத்துள்ள நடவடிக்கை என்ன ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I am aware of the widespread prevalence of this terrible disease which is like cancer for man. There is no proper prescription for the effective control of this disease and the Department have been taking adequate preventive measures."

SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR :—" பயிர்கள் பூச்சிகளினால் பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன என்று ஏழை விவசாயிகள் பலர் அதிகாரிகளிடம் புகார் தெரிவித்திருந்தும்கூட, ஒரு நிவாரணமும் ஏற்படவில்லை என்பது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am aware of such a situation. As I said, the Department have been distributing these insecticides at 25 per cent concessional rates and where the disease is widespread, we have recently issued an order that they should be sold at 50 per cent concessional rates."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" விவசாய இலாகாவில் வேலைசெய்யும் மேஸ்திரிகள் போன்ற சிப்பந்திகளிடம் மரம் நடுவது, ஸெஸ்பேனியா விதை நடுவது போன்ற அதிகப் படியான வேலைகளை வாங்குவதனால், பயிர்களுக்கு நோய்கள் வரும்போது உடனடியாக அவைகளைக் கவனித்து நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கமுடியாமல் இருக்கிறதென்பதை சர்க்கார் அறியுமா ? அப்படி இருந்தால், என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிக்க முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Proper manuring through Sesbania Speciosa and distribution of other green manure seeds is also a part of preventive work against these crop diseases."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" മന്ത്രി മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ പറകയുണ്ടായി നികുതി വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കുന്നതു മറെറാരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റാണെന്ന്. എന്നാൽ അഗ്രിക്കൾച്ചറൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിന്നുതന്നെ എത്രകണ്ട് കൃഷി നശിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്ന് മനസ്സിലാക്കി മറെറ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിനെ അറിയിച്ചു നികുതി വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കേണ്ട ഏർപ്പാട് ചെയ്തുകൂടേ ? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Collector is fully aware of the extent of the damages caused and he will deal with the situation."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact that when relief is sought for by ryots, officers in return ask for relief by way of conveyances for them? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am not aware of it but if the hon. Member would bring to my notice any specific instance, I shall look into it."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the devastating effect on the crops and in view of the financial stringency under which the agriculturists are placed today, will the Government consider the desirability of supplying these insecticides free of cost at least during this critical time? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, it is not practicable to supply these insecticides free of cost. As I said earlier, wherever the disease is widely prevalent, they will be sold at 50 per cent concessional rates."

Appointment of Assistant State Prosecutors.

* 186 *Q.*—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMANY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state— 11-40 a.m.

(*a*) the number of Assistant State Prosecutors in the City of Madras;

(*b*) whether their appointments have been made permanent and pensionable and if so, when and from what date; and

(*c*) whether any and what age-limit has been fixed for the purpose of their selection and appointment?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) There are 10 Assistant State Prosecutors in the City including the Chief Assistant State Prosecutor.

" (*b*) Yes, from 6th October 1952.

" (*c*) Rules have been finalised recently according to which for those recruited by transfer there is no age-limit. For those recruited direct from the Bar, the age-limit is 35 years for the posts of Assistant State Prosecutors and 45 for that of Chief Assistant State Prosecutor."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, may I know whether Sri Subba Ayyar of Chingleput has been appointed as an Assistant State Prosecutor recently and, if it is so, is it a sort of solatium for a political prisoner? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Yes, Sir, he has been appointed but these appointments are made according to merit and not as a solatium."